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Please kindly refer to the attachment to find a compilation of statements praising Qatar's evacuation efforts during the recent U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan that the Embassy of Qatar asked us to share with you. Qatar and the U.S. have celebrated a strong strategic alliance for over 50 years. Qatar was proud to work alongside the United States in facilitating the airlift of more than 60,000 men, women and children, whose lives were endangered due to their embrace of values that we share such as women's rights, freedom of speech and religion and an inclusive, peaceful and tolerant society.

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STATEMENTS REGARDING QATARI EVACUATION EFFORTS IN AFGHANISTAN

President Joe Biden and Amir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani of Qatar spoke to reaffirm the longstanding friendship between the United States and Qatar. The President expressed appreciation for Qatar's generous support for the ongoing evacuation from Afghanistan of U.S. citizens, diplomatic staff from the U.S. and several partner nations, and vulnerable Afghan nationals. The two leaders underscored the importance of continued close coordination on developments in Afghanistan and the broader Middle East, and they welcomed the upcoming summit of regional states to be held in Baghdad towards the end of the month.



*--Readout: President Joe Biden's Call With
Amir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani of Qatar*

"I really appreciate all the help by our Qatari allies regarding Afghanistan. I was informed today by the Defense Attaché that Doha is being overwhelmed by refugees and there are problems getting people through checkpoints at the airport with proper documents."



--Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC)

"As the world grapples with the mounting toll of the humanitarian disaster in Afghanistan, we must not waste any time in living up to our best values and embracing our responsibility to resettle as many refugees as possible, particularly those who risked their lives and the lives of their family members to stand along the United States' efforts to defeat terrorism. I am grateful to see our friends and allies in Qatar be moral exemplars by accepting Afghans ultimately seeking safe haven in the U.S. after being forced to escape for their lives."



*--Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman, Bob
Menendez (D-NJ)*

"The United States will not forget that Americans and our partners were escorted safely by the Qatari ambassador through the streets of Kabul. Nor will we soon forget the Qatari government's willingness to quickly extend help to vulnerable Afghans that fought alongside our two countries in the struggle against terrorism or whose lives would be at risk under Taliban rule...Moments of crisis reveal true friends and lay the foundation for even deeper partnerships. We trust that the Qatari-American partnership will gain even more strength as we face this challenge together. In the rubble of this particular tragedy, we are heartened to know that the Qatari people stand with us in the long-term struggle to seek security, peace, and flourishing for the vulnerable around the world."



--Representative Joe Wilson (R-SC)

"Qatar's support for Operation Allies Refuge was indispensable to the safe transit of Americans and U.S. personnel, allies, partners and Afghans at special risk. I'm deeply proud that the U.S. military, together with our partners, completed the largest airlift in history, evacuating more than 124,000 people to safety. But we could not have accomplished that without Qatari support."

--Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III

"They saved our butts. The reality is, more than any other nation per capita, Qatar stepped up to the plate."

-- FMR Representative Scott Taylor (R-VA)

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Many countries have stepped up to help the evacuation and relocation efforts in Afghan – in Afghanistan, but no country has done more than Qatar. More than 58,000 people have transited through Doha – Americans at risk, Afghans at risk, citizens of allied and partner nations. Qatar was the first stop on a journey to a more peaceful and hopeful future for so many people. You welcomed them with compassion and with generosity. When problems arose, Qatar worked hand in hand with us to address them. The men, women, and children who transited through here will not forget what you did at a pivotal moment in their lives. Neither will we.”

--Secretary of State Antony Blinken

“The Qataris are playing such a critical role in this evacuation. You cannot underscore enough the critical role that Qatar is playing in all of this. They are not only providing evacuation flights for Americans, Afghan civilians, and a variety of other people that are stuck in Afghanistan. They are also acting as a critical link with the Taliban. A lot of the calm that you see behind me has to do with the efforts of Qatar, because they are able to say to the Taliban let these people get out, let the flights take off, and if there is any sort of attack on our allies, there will be consequences. They have this unique leverage in the region, and they have been using that leverage over the past week, following the Taliban takeover of Kabul.”

--Trey Yingst, Fox News

“...the government of Qatar stepped in. We [the Committee to Protect Journalists] worked directly with a Qatari team on a nerve-racking operation that brought 14 vulnerable journalists and their families to Doha. Two similar operations were aborted at the last minute because of the deteriorating security situation in Kabul. The journalists and their families who made it to Doha are being housed in a comfortable and well-run relief center while we work to find them longer-term arrangements.

--Joel Simon, Executive Director of the Committee to Protect Journalists

"It has to be said what the Qataris are doing and what they are trying to do is incredible. They are completely inundated and overwhelmed. They were originally asked to take several hundred. They got 600 in the first plane load, thousands since. They've been trying to process them. They've been trying to get them housing. They've been trying to feed them, to make sure they have medical attention, the medicines that they need. So many people with diabetes and heart issues are arriving without their proper medication. And so they've really been struggling. On top of that, they are launching their own evacuation efforts...a girls school, boarding school, they managed to evacuate..."

--Clarissa Ward, CNN